

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Examiner's rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, claim 1 has been rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 now complies with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, including suggested claim language. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, effectively overcomes the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, and, therefore, is in condition for allowance.

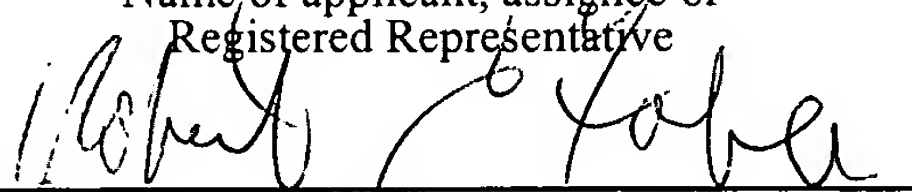
Dependent claims 2-24 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and are, therefore, patentable for the same reasons, as well as because of the combination of features set forth in those claims with the features set forth in the claim(s) from which they depend.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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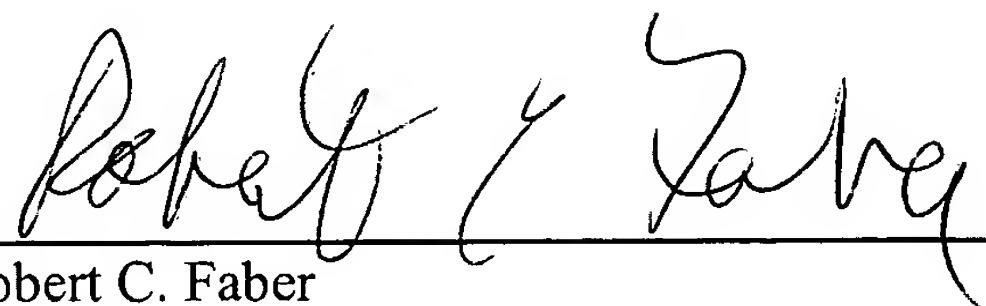

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